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12. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ An isolated host cell
comprising the expression vector of claim 10.

13.-46. Canceled

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully the telephonic interview between Examiner Baskar and applicants' undersigned attorney on December 4, 2003 and May 26, 2004. The substance of the interview is set forth below.

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

Further, applicants request, pursuant to In re Ochai and MPEP 821.04, rejoinder of claims 18-22.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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